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SUBJECT: INTERVIEW WITH IRANIAN PRIME MINISTER

1. IN FRONT PAGE INTERVIEW CARRIED DECEMBER 28 ISSUE, LE MONDE CORRESPONDENT SIMONNOT QUOTES IRANIAN PRIME MINISTER HOVEIDA AS REPLYING TO A QUESTION ABOUT NEW PETROLEUM PRICES, "IT IS A FAVORABLE PRICE WHICH WE HAVE GIVEN YOU." HOVEIDA IMPLIED THAT THE REAL MARKET PRICE HAD BEEN REACHED DURING THE LAST NIOC AUCTION SALE, SAID, "WE HAVE ACTED WITH MODERATION," AND STATED "WE DO NOT WISH TO WRECK WESTERN CIVILIZATION TO WHICH WE IRANIANS BELONG."

2. HOVEIDA INDICATED IRAN WOULD NOT SLOW DOWN ITS PRESENT OIL EXTRACTION RATE BUT RATHER, WOULD ACCELERATE ITS DEVELOPMENT PLANS. IN AN EFFORT TO CONTROL ITS OIL FROM WELL TO PUMP, IRAN HAD INVESTED IN THE U.S. AND ITALY AND HAD LARGE-SCALE PLANS FOR COOPERATION WITH GERMANY. FRANCE ALSO WAS INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN IRANIAN DEVELOPMENT.

3. HOVEIDA DENIED ANY UNPLANNED INCREASE IN PETROLEUM SHIP-
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MENTS TO THE U.S. HE SAID IRAN SOLD ITS OIL TO INTERNATIONAL

COMPANIES AND DID NOT TRY TO CONTROL WHAT THEY DID. IRAN BELIEVES OIL SHOULD NOT BE USED AS A POLITICAL WEAPON.

4. IN REPLY TO A QUESTION ABOUT POSSIBLE MILITARY INTERVENTION, HOVEIDA INDICATED THAT IF ONE OF THE SUPER POWERS INTERVENED IN THE REGION, IT WOULD IMMEDIATELY PROVOKE AN INTERVENTION BY ITS RIVAL. HE THEREFORE THOUGHT NEITHER ONE WOULD TAKE SUCH A RISK.

5. TEXT OF INTERVIEW BEING POUCHED TO ADDRESSEES.STONE

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